(b) The actual strength of regular watch and ward staff year-wise as on 31st March each year is as under:—

	W/man	H/W. men	Jamadars	Subedars
31-3-1984	1825	129		
31-3-1985	1637	106	11	
31-3-1986	1429	101	13	

As on 3rd March, 1986, 410 casual watchmen were employed in Punjab region. The number of casual watch men keeps on varying depending upon the requirement.

(c) The deployment of watchmen depends upon the quantum of stocks and keeps on varying. It is, therefore, always not possible to employ watch men on regular basis. As and when required the watchmen are engaged through Home Guards Security Development Service and Army Deployment Service.

Special Task Force to curb Communal Riots

473. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the special task force to curb communal riots has been formed;

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be deployed to curb communal violence; and

(c) what is the strength of this force and the percentage of muslims and weaker sections in it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Under the Constitution, 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects and it is for the State Governments to take action regarding control of communal riots and restructuring of their police forces. The Central Government have, however, constituted a Special Peace Keeping Force, specially trained to deal with communal riots.

Godowns and Warehouses under the Food Corporation of India

474. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of godowns and warehouses under the control of the Food Corporation of India in the country;

(b) the number of rented warehouses and godowns in the country and the amount of money paid as rent of these buildings by the Food Corporation of India during the last two years; and

(c) the number of godowns and warehouses constructed by the Food Corporation of India during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The number of storage depots owned and hired by the Food Corporation of India as on 31.3.1986 was 1967. A depot may consist of one or more godowns.

(b) The number of hired depots of the Corporation as on 31.3.1986 was 1464. The rent paid by the Corporation for the hired depots was Rs. 43 09 crores for 1984-85. The Corporation is compiling the amount of rent paid for the year 1985-86.

(c) The number of depots constructed by the Corporation was 7 during 1983-84, 10 during 1984-85 and 40 during 1985-86.

Seizure of smuggled medicines

475. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that smuggled medicines worth Rs. 25 lakhs were seized by the Delhi Main Railway Police on 20th May, 1986;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) whether these medicines have been given to any Hospital or they are still lying in the Railway godown?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following medicines were seized:—

1. Riboflavine 300 Kg. (Vitamin B)

2. Tetracycline 880 Kg. valued at Rs. 25 lakhs.

(c) The medicines are with the Customs authorities who are taking further necessary action.

Expansion programme of Police Organisation

476. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment to know the extent to which the expansion programme of police organisation and the role of the C.B.I. has been keeping pace with the changing trend in crime pattern and increasing population in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the steps contemplated by Government to re-organise the whole structure by removing the deficiencies to effectively deal with the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) and (b) Under the Constitution, 'Police, is a State subject and as such the expansion programme of the State police forces concerns the State Governments. The Central Government is not directly concerned with that aspect of the matter. The Central Government, however, provide a number of specialised services to assist the State Governments in keeping up police efficiency. These are indicated briefly as follows:—

1. Central Forensic Science Laboratories situated at New Delhi, Chandigarh, Calcutta and Hyderabad.

2. Government Examiners of Questioned Documents at Shimla, Hyderabad and Calcutta.

3. Central Detective Training Schools at Calcutta, Hyderabad and Chandigarh.

4. National Crime Records Bureau has been established at New Delhi to modernise crime information system.

5. The States have been advised to set up State Crime Records Bureau and District Bureaux.

6. National Police Academy Hyderabad for the basic as well as refesher training of IPS officers.

7. Institute of Criminology and Forensic Science, New Delhi for training of police officers in those subjects.

Price of refined rape-seed oil

477. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of rise in the prices of essential commodities, includ-